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Cargill, Incorporated
Attn: Mr. Patrick D. Mapelli
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Email: pat_mapelli@cargill.com

Subject: Response to Cargill's April 30, 2012, Letter Regarding Redwood City Pond 4 and Newark Pond 13

Dear Mr. Mapelli:

Thank you for your April 30, 2012, response to our March 29, 2012, request for information about activities associated with the material that can be seen in satellite photos of Crystallizer Pond 4 and Bittern Pond 13. It is our understanding, based on your response, that the activities in Crystallizer Pond 4 and Bittern Pond 13 are associated with Cargill's salt-harvesting and salt-stockpiling practices and as such, consistent with the provisions in its 401 Water Quality Certification, dated August 3, 2010.

My staff will be contacting you in the near future to schedule a visit during salt harvesting so that we can better understand the type of activities conducted in this area.

Please contact my staff Habte Kifle by phone at (510) 622-2371 or email at hkifle@waterboard.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dyan C. Whyte".

Dyan C. Whyte
Assistance Executive Officer

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Dear Mr. Mapelli,

Enclosed is the Regional Water Board's response to Cargill's April 30, 2012, response to our March 29, 2012, request for information on Cargill's specific salt pond activities. Please note I will contact you for site visit in the near future to observe Cargill's salt harvesting activities.

If you have any questions, please contact be below.

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